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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS DURING PERIOD OF FALL CANTON FAIR

1. WE HAD HOPED THAT EITHER DICK HOLMES OR JACK AUBERT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL TO PEKING FOR CONSULTATIONS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE FALL CANTON FAIR, BUT IT NOW APPEARS THAT FOR PERSONAL REASONS NEITHER WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE TRIP AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, ONE OR BOTH OF THEM MAY DO SO DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SPRING FAIR. ACCORDINGLY, NO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ARE PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO VISIT FAIR THIS FALL.

2. SUBJECT TO USLO CONCURRENCE, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO APPROVE TRAVEL TO PRC DURING FIRST PART OF NOVEMBER FOR EDWARD STROH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF EAST-WEST TRADE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND DAVID DENNY, SENIOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE SPECIALIST AT COMMERCE. STROH AND DENNY WISH TO CONSULT ON ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MATTERS WITH USLO, AND HOPE TO OBSERVE CANTON FAIR IN

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OPERATION. THEY HAVE ALSO INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO

VISIT COMMUNES AND FACTORIES IN SHANGHAI OR WHEREVER POSSIBLE. WE HAVE ADVISED THEM THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT IN CONSULTATION WITH USLO. IN

APPLYING FOR THEIR PRC VISAS, WE INTEND TO STATE THAT THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT IS TO CONSULT WITH USLO AND TO OBSERVE THE CANTON FAIR.

3. STROH AND DENNY HOPE TO MAKE PRC PORTION OF TRIP FROM ABOUT NOVEMBER 1-17, WITH APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS IN PEKING AND FIVE DAYS EACH IN SHANGHAI AND CANTON. DETAILED ITINERARY WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE. THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE IN PEKING BY AIR FROM TOKYO AND LEAVE THE PRC FROM CANTON BY TRAIN TO HONG KONG. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER PROPOSED TRAVEL IS CONVENIENT.

4. IN CONNECTION WITH TRIP, STROH AND DENNY ALSO HOPE TO CONSULT WITH HONG KONG CONSULATE GENERAL ON ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL MATTERS AND WITH EMBASSY TOKYO STAFF ON SINO-JAPANESE TRADE. ROBINSON

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